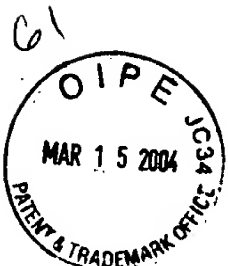


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003,
applicant hereby submits the enclosed papers including a Request
for Reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.116.

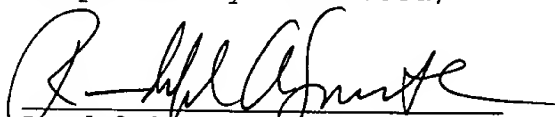
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TOTAL FEE DUE: \$0.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER
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ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/059001.
THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE
ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003,
applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in
this application.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.